

ENERGY CONSERVATION

Joint Economic Committee: Subcommittee on Energy resumed hearings to examine the role that a more concerned national commitment to energy conservation could play in a U.S. energy program, receiving testimony from Dr. Robert C. Seamans, Jr., Administrator, Energy Research and Development Administration.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

BEEF PROGRAM

Conferees agreed to file a conference report resolving the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 7656, to establish a program designed to strengthen and expand the market for beef.

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Conferees continued to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of S. 3065, proposed Federal Election Campaign Act amendments of 1976, but did not reach final agreement thereon and will meet again on Tuesday, April 27.

Wednesday, April 14, 1976

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 10914-11051

Bills Introduced: Eleven bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3312-3322; S.J. Res. 189; and S. Res. 433-434. Pages 10934, 10950, 10966-10968

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 3312, to reorganize the National Credit Union Administration (S. Rept. No. 94-751);

H.R. 8948, to provide for an audit of the Internal Revenue Service by the Comptroller General, with amendments, together with minority views (S. Rept. No. 94-752) (referred to Committee on Finance for a period not to extend beyond May 20, 1976);

S. Res. 408, disapproving proposed deferral of budget authority in the amount of \$700,000 for the Corps of Army Engineers to proceed with plans and design of hopper dredges, together with views of the Committee on the Budget (S. Rept. No. 94-753).

S. 713, establishing a national program to promote conservation and orderly development of hard mineral resources of the deep seabed, pending adoption of an international regime therefor, with amendments (S. Rept. No. 94-754) (referred jointly to committees on Armed Services, Commerce, and Foreign Relations for thirty days). Page 10950

Message from the House: One message was received from the House today. Pages 10949-10950

Amendments Submitted for Printing:

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Bills Passed:

Condolence resolution: Senate agreed to S. Res. 433, expressing the sorrow of the Senate on the announcement of the death of Representative William A. Barrett. Page 10934

Taxation—Pension Plans: Senate passed without amendment and cleared for the White House H.R. 12725, to amend the Internal Revenue Code so as to permit tax-free rollovers of distributions from employee retirement plans in the event of plan termination. Pages 10940-10942

Budget authority deferral: Senate agreed to S. Res. 408, disapproving proposed deferral of budget authority in the amount of \$700,000 for the Corps of Army Engineers to proceed with plans and design of hopper dredges. Pages 11050-11051

Grain Inspection: Senate began consideration of S. 3055, to establish an all Federal system for the inspection and weighing of grain at export elevators and at the major interior terminals. Pages 10934-10940, 10944-10948

Vice Presidential Appointment: Vice President appointed Senators Mansfield, Ribicoff, McGovern, Biden, Morgan, Scott, Tower, Pearson, and Packwood to attend the presentation of the Magna Carta to the people of the United States, to be held in London, England, May 23-28, 1976; and

Senator Ribicoff to attend the U.N. Conference on Trade and Development, to be held in Nairobi, Kenya, May 3-28, 1976. Page 11049

Presidential Message: Senate received a message from the President reporting an increase of \$3.9 million in amount previously deferred for Department of Interior program to develop roads and trails on public lands—referred jointly to Committees on Appropriations, Budget, and Interior and Insular Affairs and ordered printed as S. Doc. 94-168. Page 10949

Senate Authorizations: During the forthcoming Easter Recess of the Senate until noon April 26, the Secretary of the Senate is authorized to receive messages from the House of Representatives, and the Vice President, President Pro Tempore, and acting President Pro Tempore are authorized to sign duly enrolled bills and joint resolutions. Page 11049

Also, during such period, committees are authorized to file reports between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Friday, April 23. Page 10914

Confirmations: Senate confirmed one Army nomination in the rank of General; one Navy in the rank of Admiral; and sundry Marine Corps nominations.

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Nominations: Senate received the following nominations:

Harlington Wood, Jr., of Illinois, to be United States circuit judge for the seventh circuit; and

Robert M. Takasugi, to be United States district judge for the Central District of California.

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Adjournment: Senate met at 10:30 a.m. and, in accordance with provisions of S. Con. Res. 111 and as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Representative Barrett, adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

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Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—FOREIGN AID

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations resumed hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1977, receiving testimony from Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

APPROPRIATIONS—INTERIOR

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee continued hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1977 for the Department of the Interior, receiving testimony from public witnesses.

Hearings were adjourned subject to call.

ENERGY INDEPENDENCE AUTHORITY

Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs: Committee continued hearings on S. 2532, to establish a Government corporation to be known as the Energy Independence Authority, receiving testimony from Gerald L. Parsky, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for International Affairs; John D. Harper, Business Roundtable, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Peter G. Peterson, New York City; Ralph Nader, Corporate Accountability Research Group, Washington, D.C.; Robert R. Nathan, Washington, D.C.; and Professor Murray L. Weidenbaum, Washington University, St. Louis.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 13256-13265; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 922, H. Con. Res. 617, and H. Res. 1158 were introduced.

Pages 10897, 10912

Bill Reported: One report was filed as follows: H.R. 8410, to amend the Packers and Stockyards Act of 1921, as amended (H. Rept. 94-1043).

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Late Report: Conferees received permission to file a conference report by midnight Thursday, April 15, on H.R. 7656, Beef Research and Information Act.

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Committee Resignation: Read and accepted a letter from Representative Holt wherein she resigns as a member of the Committee on House Administration.

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Committee Election: Agreed to H. Res. 1158, electing Representative Paul as a member of the Committee on Banking, Currency and Housing; and the Committee on House Administration.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of April 28.

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Referral: One Senate-passed measure was referred to the appropriate House committee.

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Adjournment: Adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Committee Meetings

PREVENTIVE HEALTH CARE FOR ELDERLY

Select Committee on Aging: Subcommittee on Health and Long Term Care, and on Federal, State and Community Services held a joint hearing on preventive health care for the elderly. Testimony was heard from representatives of National Association for Human Development; President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports; International Academy of Preventive Medicine; and other experts in preventive health care.

FULL EMPLOYMENT AND BALANCED GROWTH ACT

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Manpower, Compensation, and Health Safety concluded hearings on H.R. 50, Full Employment and Balanced Growth Act. Testimony was heard from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Council of Economic Advisers; and Representatives Conyers, Fraser, and Abzug.

CANADIAN-AMERICAN AUTOMOTIVE AGREEMENT

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Labor Standards held an oversight hearing on the Canadian-American Automotive Agreement. Testimony was heard from Will E. Leonard, Chairman, International Trade Commission; Leonard Woodcock, President, UAW; and Joel Segall, Deputy Under Secretary of Labor for International Affairs.

Hearings continue Thursday, May 6.

STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL ASSISTANCE ACT

Committee on Government Operations: Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Relations and Human Resources concluded markup and agreed to introduce a clean bill in lieu of H.R. 6558, State and Local Fiscal Assistance Act of 1972.

U.S. EMPLOYMENT SERVICE

Committee on Government Operations: Subcommittee on Manpower and Housing held an oversight hearing on the operation of the U.S. Employment Service. Testimony was heard from William B. Lewis, Administrator, U.S. Employment Service.

COMMERCIAL STABILIZATION AGREEMENTS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittees on International Resources, Food and Energy, on Economic Policy, on Organizations, and on Trade and Commerce held hearings on commercial stabilization agreements: Coffee, Cocoa and Tin. Testimony was heard from Julius Katz, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Economic and Business Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

FEA AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power concluded hearings on the FEA authorization with testimony from Representative Fithian, and FEA Administrator Frank Zarb.

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held an oversight hearing on the Federal Trade Commission. Testimony was heard from FTC witnesses.

PETROLEUM JOINT VENTURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Monopolies and Commercial Law held a hearing on managerial decision-making and petroleum joint ventures. Testimony was heard from Ronald F. Wipperfurth, visiting Associate Professor of Business Administration, Harvard Business School; and E. Eugene Carter, visiting Associate Professor, Sloan School of Management, MIT.

FEDERAL EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFITS COVERAGE

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Subcommittee on Retirement and Employee Benefits held a hearing on H.R. 12275, to provide that the Federal contribution for Federal employee health benefits coverage shall be determined on the basis of the average of the two health benefits plans having the highest subscription charges. Testimony was heard from Thomas A. Tinsley, U.S. Civil Service Commission; Dr. Nathan T. Wolkomir, National Federation of Government

Employees; and John F. McClelland, National Association of Retired Federal Employees.

Joint Committee Meeting**BREEDER REACTOR DEMONSTRATION PLANT**

Joint Committee on Atomic Energy: Committee held hearings to receive testimony on a proposal to modify a contract for the design, construction and operation of the Clinch River Breeder Reactor Demonstration Plant. Witnesses heard were Representative Coughlin; Dr. Robert C. Seamans, Administrator, who was accompanied by his associates of the Energy Research and Development Administration; and Paul Dembling, General Counsel, General Accounting Office.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

Monday, April 26, 1976

Senate**Chamber Action****Routine Proceedings, pages 11121-11213**

Bills Introduced: Seven bills and one resolution were introduced as follows: S. 3323-3329; and S. Res. 435.

Pages 11136, 11142

Bills Reported: Reports were made on April 23, during the adjournment of the Senate, as follows:

Final report of the Select Committee to Study Governmental Operations With Respect to Intelligence Activities (S. Rept. No. 94-755);

S. 2679, to establish a Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, with amendments (S. Rept. No. 94-756);

H.R. 12226, authorizing \$81 million for fiscal year 1977 for activities of the Peace Corps (S. Rept. No. 94-757);

S. Res. 406, stating the sense of the Senate with respect to the importance of sound U.S. relations with the Soviet Union, with an amendment (S. Rept. No. 94-758);

S. 1526, authorizing funds for acquisition of lands in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area, Minnesota, with an amendment (S. Rept. No. 94-759);

S. 2004, to eliminate a restriction on use of certain lands patented to the City of Hobart, Kiowa County, Okla., with an amendment (S. Rept. No. 94-760);

S. 2555, to establish a national rangelands rehabilitation and protection program, with an amendment (S. Rept. No. 94-761); and